மாண்புமிகு திரு. சி. பா. ஆதித்தனார் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, மூன்று தாலுக்காக்களில், சேலம் மாவட்டத்தில் ஓமலூர் தாலுகா, நெல்லை மாவட்டத்தில் நாங்குனேரி தாலுகா, செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டத்தில் ஸ்ரீபெரும்புதூர் தாலுகா, ஆகிய இந்த மூன்று தாலுகாக்களிலும், ரூரல் இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் ப்ராஜக்ட் என்று இருக்கிறது. அதிலே சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகளுக்கு மத்திய அரசின் பாங்குகளுக்கு சிபாரிசு செய்யக் கூடிய அதிகாரம் இருக்கிறது.

திரு. ஆ. பரந்தாமன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, தமிழகத்தில் கூட்டுறவு நிலவள வங்கிகள் நிலத்தை வளப்படுத்த கடன்கள் கொடுக்கிறார்கள். நிலவளம் சம்மந்தப்பட்ட தச்சுத் தொழில் இருக்கிறது. அதற்கும் உதவிசெய்ய முன்வருவார்களா ?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. சி. பா. ஆதித்தனார் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, நிலவள வங்கிகள் மூலம் தச்சுத் தொழில், இரும்புத் தொழில் இவற்றிற்கு உதவி கொடுக்கப்படுவதில்லை. அர்பன் பாங்குகள் இருக்கின்றன. சென்ட்ரல் பாங்குகள் இருக்கின்றன. அவைகள் மூலம் உதவிகள் கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று திட்டம் வகுத்து, செயல் பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

திரு. துரை முருகன் : இப்படிப்பட்ட நிலவள வங்கிகள் பல ஒன்றியங்களில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்படாமல் இருக்கிறதே. எப்பொழுது ஆரம்பிப்பார்கள் ?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. சி. பா. ஆதித்தனார் : ஒன்றியங்கள் எல்லாவற்றிலும் ஒரு சிலவற்றைத் தவிர கிளைகள் தொடங்க ஆணை பிறப்பிக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது. அதற்கான மூலதனம் ரிசர்வ் பாங்கியிலிருந்து வரவேண்டும். அதில் தடை இருப்பதால், காலதாமதம் ஏற்படுகிறது.

திரு. எம். தேவராசன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, நிலவள வங்கிகள் மூலம் தேயிலைத் தொழிலுக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட கடன் தொகையில், ஐந்தாவது தவணை கொடுக்கப்படாமல் இருக்கிறது. உடனடியாகக் கொடுக்கப்படுமா என்பதை அறியவிரும்புகிறேன்.

மாண்புமிகு திரு. சி. பா. ஆதித்தனார் : நிலவள வங்கியில் தடை இருந்தால், உறுப்பினர் அது பற்றித் தெரிவித்தால், மாநில வங்கி மூலம் கேட்டு அறிந்து பதில் சொல்ல முடியும்.

Chingleput District Co-operative Supply and Marketing Society

* 42 Q.—Dr. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been made to Government by some of the Directors regarding serious irregularities and mal-administration in the working of the Chingleput District Co-operative Supply and Marketing Society Limited, Madras, since January 1969;

(b) whether the High Court of Judicature of Madras by a Bench in one case and another by a single Judge passed strictures on the Co-operative Deputy Registrar-Secretary of the above Society; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against the society and the departmental officers with references to these two cases?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. சி. பா. ஆதித்தனார் : (அ(& (இ) ஆம்.

(உ) இயக்குநர்கள் செய்த மனு விசாரிக்கப்பட்டது. குற்றச்சாட்டுகள் உண்மையின் அடிப்படையில் செய்யப்படவில்லை என்று தெரியவந்தது. துணைப்பதிவாளர் விளக்கம் தருமாறு கேட்கப்பட்டுள்ளார்.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Sir, may I know exactly when the original complaint in this regard was registered with the Government or the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the subsequent steps taken at each stage ? May I know all these details from the Hon. Minister ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : Sir, the original petition was dated 29th May 1969. It contained numerous charges but all the charges were thoroughly enquired into and it was found that they did not contain any truth, but were activated by malice.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Was there any attempt on the part of the department concerned to supersede the bank and if so the details thereof ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : No. Sir. There is no attempt at all to supersede this co-operative society. It is not a bank as the hon. Member has stated. It has been working at a profit and in 1970-71 it earned a profit of about one lakh of rupees. In the year 1969-70 it earned a profit of Rs. 4.42 lakhs which helped the society to wipe off a part of previous years' losses. So there is no desire at all to supersede this society.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Did the Government or the Department find fault with the society that the particular building had to be valued in the Madras City and it was wrongly valued and later on it was found that it was correctly valued. May I know the details about it ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : I have no information about the house in the Madras City. The only house is the house which belonged to the wife of Thiru V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, for which rent was paid out of the society's funds. Action was taken at the Deputy Registrar's level but when it came higher-up no further action was found necessary.

THIRU M. A. LATHEEF : Sir, rightly or wrongly the public is of the opinion that all the co-operative societies are nothing but co-operative robbery and the working of such societies is the main reason........

(Mr. Speaker sounded the gong)

I am forming the question.......

MR. SPEAKER : That is not fair and I am not allowing the question. The hon. Member can put it in some other form.

THIRU M. A. LATHEEF: Sir, even while framing the question I have very carefully used the words 'rightly or wrongly' That is the opinion about all co-operative societies.......

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member must categorically say that it is robbery if he is sure about it but when he is in doubt he should not assert things......

THIRU M. A. LATHEEF: Sir, may I know whether the Government have got any proposal to streamline the working of the co-operative societies so that the public may get confidence in the philosophy behind the co-operative movement?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR: Sir, the hon. Member has stated that the co-operative societies are co-operative robberies. It might have been true some time ago but certainly it is not true now.......

THIRU K. M. SUBRAMANIAM: This is worse. Co-operative robberies cannot happen unless the Governments are very bad.......

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR: I am not responsible for what happened prior to 1967. After that, I can tell him that all steps have been taken to streamline practically the entire co-operative system. Originally non-officials were given power to draw cheques. Now all the co-operative societies, from top to bottom, are being reorganised on the basis that the non-officials will only settle the policy, will sit and pass resolutions. The day-to-day administration will be done by the permanent officials and any defects that might have been existing will now completely disappear. I can say for the information of the hon. Member that we stand first in the working of the co-operative societies in the entire country. It is not only stated by me. In newspapers like 'Economic Times', it is stated that we have even outstripped other States which were once thought to be leading in the co-operative sector. Now I may as well mention to the hon. Member that after streamlining has taken place, our Land Development Banks have earned a profit of about Rs. 60 lakhs in one year and our State Co-operative Bank and the Central Co-operative Banks have made a profit of about Rs. 138 lakhs in one year against huge losses in the previous years. I may also mention that even one Stores-Section which is the most vulnerable has earned a profit of nearly one lakh of rupees. Therefore, things are certainly going on very well and if the hon. Member has any particular complaint about any particular place where robbery has taken place, we have got the Police to take action.

THIRU R. PONNAPPA NADAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether all proceedings against the officer, who has been proceeded against, has been dropped in this particular case?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : No, Sir, probably the hon. Member is not conversant with the facts of the case. This matter was pending before the High Court and the High Court thought it fit to pardon him. In the manner in which the society is functioning, our Government can also take a lenient and merciful view of the matter and not punish him but pardon him.

THIRU R. PONNAPPA NADAR : Is this Government agreeing with the views expressed by the High Court ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : The High Court has itself pardoned this man.

THIRU K. S. KOTHANDARAMIAH : May I know the action taken by the Government with regard to Santhanam Committee Report ? Have the Government accepted the entire report or partially ? What is the attitude of the Government in this regard ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : To make an answer to this question will take too long.

THIRU K. M. SUBRAMANIAM : Is it political propriety for an Hon. Minister to say that robberies might have taken place before he took up office ? He should be definite in his answer. I would like the Hon. Minister for Co-operation to state whether it is correct on his part to say that co-operative robberies might have taken place before this Ministry took up office. I think he should give correct and definite answers to definite questions.

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : I have answered the question put by the hon. Member. There was an insinuation, if I may use that word, in the expression used by the hon. Member, viz., whether ' co-operative robberies ' had taken place. But I am not responsible for what happened before 1967. I can assure the House that no such robbery has taken place after 1967. For the earlier period, each Member is entitled to have his own opinion.

THIRU R. PONNAPPA NADAR : Are we to take it that there has been robbery before 1967 and this Government is sleeping over it?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : No, Sir, if any robbery has taken place, I say that action has also been taken. Several persons have been booked and there are a number of cases now pending. About things which happened before 1967, I cannot say anything. I am not competent to express any opinion on that. Each Member is free to have his own opinion. After 1967, I can say certainly, if there has been robbery in any place, the guilty parties have been brought to book. Many cases have been booked and therefore there is no question of escaping the penalty of law, for things which happened after 1967.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Now that we have entered into a general discussion and the Hon. Minister had answered that there might have been robbery before 1967 and several cases have been raised

in this House regarding many co-operative societies before and after 1967 and the Hon. Minister himself answered a number of questions about irregularities in the various co-operative departments and even before the Public Accounts Committee also several cases have come up involving lakhs and crores of rupees (some of them are being examined). In view of all these, will the Hon. Minister come forward and say that something should be done to streamline the co-operative department and put it on a stable footing ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : I have already answered regarding streamlining. We have passed three or four orders and streamlining has been done. I have also mentioned the nature of streamlining and how non-officials only settle policy, and day-to-day administration is being done by permanent officials. That streamlining has come in actual practice. But when the hon. Member put the question and said that there might have been robberies, he is entitled to have his opinion for the period when we were not in charge. But so far as the period in which we were in charge is concerned, I can categorically say that such a thing has not happened. If the hon. Member brings to my notice any case, I will take immediate action. I am glad to say that the Hon. Chief Minister has created a Special Police Wing for this purpose.

THIRU R. PONNAPPA NADAR : May I know from the Hon. Minister when certain robberies were alleged to have taken place before 1967, has this Government taken any legal steps to probe into those matters and take proper action regarding those culprits ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : Regarding robberies which took place before 1967, I think the hon. Member can bring them to my notice, if such robberies had taken place. The hon. Member who put the first supplementary question can also bring any such thing to my notice. I will see that proper action is taken speedily. There is a Special Police Wing in the Co-operative Department specially created to investigate cases of this nature. There is no question of any delay or any giving up, whenever there is robbery or misappropriation.

DR. H. V. HANDE : The Hon. Minister has been saying robberies might have taken place before 1967. He has not categorically told anything but had said things in an evasive way. Instead of that will it not be possible for the Hon. Minister to say that robberies have taken place, such and such robberies have taken place before 1967 and that they had taken action on them. Is it not possible to say so categorically rather than giving this sort of evasive answer that it might or might not have taken place. If robberies had taken place before 1967, have they been investigated ? This Government has also got responsibility. It is a continuing Government. It is not as if after February 1967 there has been a vacuum. It is not as if between February 1967 and

March 1967 there has been a vacuum. Government is continuing. It is a continuous process. Officials are there continuously and the Hon. Minister is also having all records at his disposal. So, cannot the Hon. Minister tell categorically that robberies had taken place and they had taken action or robberies had not taken place and so action did not arise ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : Whether robberies have taken place or not is a matter of opinion; when an hon. Member mentioned that co-operative societies are co-operative robberies I categorically denied that charge. After we took over, we have been devoting careful attention and if any such case had been brought to light, we have not spared them.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Shall we take that robberies had taken place or not ?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR : That is a matter of opinion.

THIRUMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : If I had understood the supplementary question of the hon. Member Thiru M. A. Latheef correctly he did not refer to any period, 1967 or anything like that, as far as co-operative robberies are concerned. So there is no point in arguing on this question any more.

போராவூரணியில் டிராக்டர் வாடகை நிலையம்

* 43. வின.—திரு. குழ. செல்லையா : மாண்புமிகு வேளாண்மைத் துறை அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட வினக்களுக்கு விடையளிப்பாரா :

(அ). போராவூரணியில் டிராக்டர் வாடகை நிலயம் அமைக்கும் உத்தேசம் ஏதேனும் அரசின் பரிசீலனையிலுள்ளதா ?

(இ) ஆம் எனில், அதன் விபரம் என்ன ?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. அ. பெ. தர்மலிங்கம் : (அ) இல்லை.

(இ) இவ்வினவிற்கு இடமில்லை.

Electricity tariffs for industries

* 29 *Q.*—DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state :

(*a*) the electricity tariffs for the large and heavy industries in the State for the periods 1968–69, 1969–70, 1970–71 ; and

(*b*) how do these tariffs compare with those obtaining in other States?

மாண்புமிகு திரு. ஓ. பி. இராமன் : (அ) & (இ) விவர அறிக்கை ஒன்று பேரவை முன் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

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